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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTRY INFORMS EMBASSY OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS
OF SWEDISH AIR SPACE BY U. S. AIRCRAFT

1. FIRST SECRETARY IN MFA SECOND POLITICAL DIVISION CALLED EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER AFTERNOON OF MAR 14 TO INFORM EMBASSY THAT FILMS TAKEN BY SWEDISH INTERCEPTOR AIRCRAFT INDICATE THAT A " GRAVE VIOLATION" OF SWEDISH AIRSPACE BY U. S. NAVY RA3 B SKY WARRIOR TOOK PLACE AT 2:55 P. M. (LOCAL) ON MAR 13 OVER FAROE, NORTH OF GOTLAND. IDENTIFICATION WAS BY SIGHT, ALTITUDE 9000 METERS, WEATHER WAS GOOD. FIRST SECRETARY SAID MFA IS ISSUING PRESS RELEASE TODAY STATING THAT MFA HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH AMERICAN EMBASSY ABOUT THIS " GRAVE VIOLATION OF SWEDISH AIRSPACE."

2. FIRST SECRETARY SAID THE SKY WARRIOR WAS BEING SHADOWED BY SOVIET MIG AND THAT WHEN U. S. AIRCRAFT " ESCAPED" INTO SWEDISH AIR SPACE THE MIG TURNED OFF AT A " DISTANCE OF RESPECT," PICKING THE U. S. AIRCRAFT UP AGAIN AFTER IT LEFT SWEDISH AIRSPACE SOME MINUTES LATER. FIRST SECRETARY SAID EVIDENCE INDICATES U. S. AIRCRAFT PENETRATED AS MUCH AS 30 KILOMETERS OVER MIDDLE OF FAROE ISLAND. HE SAID THERE WAS ANOTHER U. S. AIRCRAFT,
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3. FIRST SECRETARY SAID MFA CALLING OUR ATTENTION TO THIS ALLEGED VIOLATION AT EMBASSY' S SECOND SECRETARY LEVEL RATHER THAN TO CHARGE AND IMPLIED THAT REASON FOR PUBLICATION OF THE APPROACH TO THE EMBASSY IS DUE TO PRESENCE AND ACTION OF SOVIET MIG.

4. EMBASSY DEFENSE ATTACHE HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH EUROPEAN THEATER COMMANDER ABOUT THIS ALLEGED VIOLATION AND FURTHER COMMUNICATIONS ARE EXPECTED. THIS MESSAGE COORDINATED WITH DEFENSE ATTACHE/ AIR ATTACHE.
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